

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>24 Mar 52</u>	2. LOCATION 60 miles west Point Conception, California	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>NOT IDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0245 PST</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE B-29 radar	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-30 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS

RA067

WPH062

YKF28

KYB042

XDA032

JWPRH B021

RR JEDEN JEDWP JEPHQ JEDMH 444

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R 161845Z ZMJ -

FM COADIV TWELVE MARCH AFB CALIF -

ACTION

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JEDWP/CH AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATERSON AFB OHIO -

INFO JEPHQ/DI DCS/Q USAF WASHDC

JEDMH/CGSAC ONEITT AFB IOWA

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1. UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT MOVING AT ESTIMATED SPEED OF 3000 KN IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OBSERVED IN RADAR SCOPE PD
2. 0845 PST TO 30 SECONDS 25 MARCH 1952
3. ELECTRONIC (RADAR) APR 13 AIRCRAFT (B-29) SPEED 285 MPH COURSE 273 DEGREES PRESSURE ALTITUDE 25,000 FEET PD
4. 34-30 N 121-30 W 60 MILES WEST OF POINT CONCEPTION
5. NAVIGATOR AND RADAR OPERATOR BOTH WITNESSED THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT PD BOTH MEN CONSIDERED RELIABLE PD NAVIGATOR FLEW 49 COMBAT MISSIONS WORLD WAR II 54 MISSIONS IN KOREA PD RADAR OPERATOR FLEW 16

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6. COMBAT MISSIONS IN WORLD WAR II PD
7. CAVU RADAR CONDITIONS GOOD
8. MACHINE GUNS FIRED INTERMITTENTLY (TRAINING) DURING THE SIGHTINGS PD
9. NONE
10. NONE

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COUNTRY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REPORT NO.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Report of Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON

FROM (Agency)

Near Point Conception, California

106th Bomb Wing (), Intelligence

DATE OF REPORT

DATE OF INFORMATION

EVALUATION

19 April 1952

24 March 1952

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

SOURCE

2 Lt John F. McGrew, Operational Intel.

102nd Bomb Squadron

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFQIN - C/CC-2

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112- Part II.)

The following is a statement submitted by Lt Hancock, Radar Observer, 102nd Bomb Squadron, on 25 March 1952:

While on a routine mission on 24 March 1952, I observed on the APQ 13 radar scope a return which I was unable to identify. My observation was verified by Lt Cone, the Navigator on our crew, and he also ascertained that this object offered a clear and distinct radar return. The return first appeared on the scope at 1645 Z and was observed for between 20-30 seconds. Its speed was calculated at 3000 MPH. Observation was by electronic means. We were flying a B-29 whose speed was 200 MPH and at a pressure altitude of 25,000'. Our course was 270 degrees. Our position at the time of incident was 34 degrees, 30 minutes North; 121 degrees 30 minutes West which is 60 miles west of Point Conception, California. The object first appeared due south of us and was travelling N... at an altitude of less than 25,000'.

I, as Radar Observer, personally witnessed this return as did the Navigator.

Weather conditions CAVU. No physical evidence is available.

Both officers concerned with this sighting have had combat experience and are regarded as highly reliable officers.

Though no shape could be reported by these officers, either definite sighting of a rapidly moving unidentified object or possible electronic activity brought about by gun firing (which would give trace indication on radar scope) is indicated.

John F. McGrew

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ROUTING STAMP		
AE NO.	1014	
Section	Order of Routing	Date Routed
Soviet	2	MAY 1 1952
Armed	1	APR 30 1952
Executive		

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DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR

FRONT 201
AE-5
This rpt passed to AE-5
USAF on 1 Oct 52

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 25 Mar 52

TIME (Local): 0845

LOCATION: Pt. Conception, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 20-30 seconds.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: 3,000 knots

ALTITUDE: 25,000'

HEADING: 315°

SOURCE: AF Navigator and Radar Operator

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Similar phenomena due to interference of parts of a/c.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: B-29 radar observer and navigator observed unidentified return. (REDACTED)

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